Dhaka Day by Day

Mind - boggling Drawings

by Fayza Haq.

Iftekhar Ahmed , who recently held an exhibition of his drawings at La Galerie, says about his work, "There is a basic theme behind the drawings . I have tried to use symbols of places, people and events. I also attempted to show things as they are: rural set up and city scapes." The artist, who is an architect and a teacher at BUET, has done the drawings during his leisure time over a number of years.

Behind the main image in green in "Lost" is a hand coming out of a window. All around are elements of evil that present people from obtaining their objectives and cause people to be confused and dislocated. The repulsive creatures make the subject feel alienated, as depicted by the wings and green colour. The building at the back is far from mundane It is depicted as being eaten up by a strange slug-like creature, while blood is pouring out of the house and massive insects are drinking it. The colours used are dark blue, green, red and yellow.

The artist draws on subconscious memories - dreams and experience - that do not always make complete sense as in "Animus" which deifies the female gender. There is a large female face with no body or limbs. Surrounding it are nine figures that are different aspects of a personality. The sun,

delineate the sense of euphoria that one might get standing before a huge ocean. The splash stands for some experience that is

"Part" is based on the artist's experience in the USA. The woman is sensuous and her lewellery and clothes are uncommon. Iftekhar has sought for the unusual again in "Persona Grata" where he brings in a man with his body covered in tattoes, with his head half shaven and seen as smoking a pipe and standing against a wall covered with graffities.

"Prismatic ceremony" creates prism shaped imaginary buildings with open spaces with nature lending the environment. Patriarchy" shows a man in a regal dress along with other powerful male images such as the bull, dragon and monkey. Women are shown in subjugated situations, doing menial tasks in cloistered situations. If a woman is seen in outside unfettered areas. there is someone or something behind her to keep a track of what she is doing.

"Low-cost-high-rise" depicts how people live in half constructed empty houses. These are huge buildings to be seen in the city, which remain incomplete due to financial and political reasons and are eventually taken over by the poor.



snake, cock and fish are symbols. The various figures that surround the woman all relate to it. It is more than a drawing with a sense of colours and a search for harmony in colours and lines. There is an anecdote side to the drawing: the artist, while in the USA. had bought a new set of felt pens and wished to use all the colours. "Underwater" is supposed to evoke a sense of a certain place. The semi-abstract piece with its lines, curves, and tiny circles in pink and blue wash brings to mind the riverbed, natural growth and the creatures one finds underwater. The forms and shades suggest different things to different people. "Froth," "Tide" and "Wind" are similar such pieces created out of lines, circles and interwoven figures. "Splash" has strokes of bright colours to

"Transformation" is again a satirical depiction of a developing place like Dhaka where a modern house will suddenly come up with old architecture in the form of temples, around it. "Spanish Holiday" is a straight forward imaginary representation of Terremolinos which the artist has always wanted to visit. The buildings, the coast, the sea and the people have been done in minute details. In "Chinese New Year" one sees the dragon dance of China Town. Distant ice-peaks, houses on terraced peaks and the river Bhagmati are all brought in

Explaining his works, Iftekhar says, "The bizarre drawings are to free myself and the viewers of limited ways of seeing or feeling."



Recipients of Desbandu Chittaranjan Das Gold Medal are seen with the Commerce and Information Minister M Shamsul Islam (sitting, 3rd right) at a ceremony at a local hotel recently.



সোনালী ব্যাংক বংগবন্ধ এভিনিউ কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা

ব্যাংকের নিকট প্লেজকৃত মালামাল নিলামে বিক্রয় বিজ্ঞপ্তি

সোনালী ব্যাংক, বংগবন্ধু এভিনিউ কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা কর্তৃক ক্যাশক্রেডিট (প্লেজ) ঋণের আওতায় বিতর্ণকৃত মেসার্স মডার্ণ অপটিক্যাল ইভাঃ লিঃ, সৈয়দ মুধা রোড, দত্তপাড়া, টংগী, গাজীপুর এর ঋণের বকেয়া অদায়ের নিমিতে ব্যাংকের নিকট বন্ধকীকৃত নিম্নবর্ণিত মালামাল যে অবস্থায় আছে সে অবস্থায় নিলামে বিক্রয়ের জন্য সীলমোহরকত দরপত্র আহবান করা যাতে।

বন্ধকীকত মালামালের বিবরণঃ

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শর্তাবলীঃ

- সংশ্লিষ্ট দরপত্রদাতাগণকে বন্ধকীকৃত উপরে বর্ণিত মালামালসমূহের আইটেম অনুযায়ী গড় মূল্য উল্লেখ করে মোট মূল্যের ১০% হারে আর্ণেষ্ট মানি (ফেরতযোগ্য) উপ-মহাব্যবস্থাপক, সোনালী ব্যাংক, বি,বি, এভিনিউ কর্পোরেট শাখা, ঢাকা এর অনুকৃলে ব্যাংক ভাফট/পে-অর্ডার এর মারফত অবশ্যই দরপত্রের সংগে টেন্ডার বাক্সে জমা করতে হবে।
- আর্নেষ্ট মানি ব্যতীত কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ করা হবে না।

নিতে হবে। অন্যথায় আর্নেষ্টমানি বাজেয়াঙ হবে।

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- সর্বোচ্চ দরপত্র প্রদানকারী দরপত্র গৃহীত হবার পর ব্যাংক কর্তৃপক্ষ পত্রের মাধ্যমে দরদাতাকে অবহিত করবে ব্যাংক কর্তৃক প্রেরিত পরের তারিখ হতে ৭ সোত। দিনের মধ্যে সমুদর টাকা জমা দিয়ে মালামাল ডেলিভারী
- দরপত্রদাতাগণ দরপত্র জ্মা দেবার পূর্বে শাখার সাথে যোগাযোগ করে মন্ত্রদ মালামালসমূহ পরিদর্শন করে
- কোন কারণ দর্শানো ব্যতিরেকে যেঁ কোন দরপত্র গ্রহণ কিংবা বাতিল করার ক্ষমতা নিম্নস্থাক্ষরকারী কর্তক সংৱক্ষিত থাকবে

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মোঃ জহুরুল হক



DCC Mayor and president of the Bangladesh Awami League, city unit distributing relief to the flood victims in the city's Madhubagh area yesterday. Mofazzal Hossain Maya, - AL photo general secretary of the unit, is also seen.

JU freshers likely to miss one academic year

By JU Correspondent

The students awaiting admission to the Jahangirnagar University will miss an academic year due to the existing session jam.

The first year students of the same session of the Dhaka University and some other universities in the country have already started heir classes.

But the students who passed the Higher Secondary Examination (HSC) last year are yet to be admitted to the university.

The admission seekers at JU have only completed their written fests last month.

The results are likely to

be published in mid-August. After the results are announced, the students will be asked to appear at the viva

The viva will carry no marks and it will be arranged only to examine the certificates of the students.

Publication of the final lists of the successful candidates will take about one month and therefore all admission formalities will not be completed before the first half of September, officials

In view of these schedules, the classes for the first vear honours students likely in November, sources added.s

The classes of the 1993-94 session began on December 3 last year.

As per rules, all JU students must reside in the dormitories as the university is a residential one.

The JU enrolls students against its vacant seats in the dormitories.

But, the freshers will have to face acute problems to get seats in the halls in November as the masters degrees students will be occupying their seats till their final examinations are over.

Once reputed as the session jam-free university, the JU is now behind the academic session by two years.

Complicated and out dated admission procedure, faulty examination system, teachers' reluctance in taking classes are seen as the main eauses behind the session jam.

Eugene Ballet delights city audience

By Staff Correspondent

A visiting American dance group, the Eugene Ballet Company made their debut in the city yesterday.

The distinguished professional dance company from Oregon, USA, delighted a

Tree plantation ceremony held

KHULNA. July 24: The students. leachers and employees of Khulna university today observed a tree plantation programme on the campus, reports BSS.

Chairman, Bangladesh Public Service Commission Dr S M A Fayeez formally opened the programme in a simple ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, the PSC Chairman said that forestry and wood technology discipline of the university would help strengthen the tree plantation drive.

in his speech, Khulna University Vice-Chancellor Prof Muhammad Golam Ali Fakir said that tree plantation has been turned into a social movement under the present government.

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The bills were mailed to the subscribers on July 10. The subscribers, who are yet to receive their bills, have been advised to collect the duplicate copies from the respective telephone revenue accounts offices to make payment by due date, said an official handout.

Egyptian envoy hosts reception

The out-going Ambassador of Egypt M Kamal Miligy held a reception on the occasion of Egyptian national day at his Gulshan residence in the city Sunday evening, reports BSS.

The reception was at-

tended by State Minister for Planning Dr A Moyeen Khan, State Minister for Textile M A Mannan, Awami League leaders Abdus Samad Azad and Tofael Ahmed, Janata Dal chief K M Obaidur Rahman. Diplomats and elite of the

ium packed auditorium at the Osmani Memorial Hall with a prescutation of their signature piece 'Children of the Raven - a dance based on le-

gends of the native people of

the Pacific Northwest coast. Last night's performance included three other short programmes— Columbia Aspexit, Common Ground and Sticks of It- which blended the best of contemporary modern American dance with that of classical ballet traditions.

The group, who are currently on a tour of Asia, will give another performance this evening at the same

This part of their tour is being sponsored by the USIS and the American-Bangladesh Economic Forum.

GF condemns RU violence

By Staff Correspondent

Gano Forum, at the meeting of its standing committee yesterday, condemned the recent terrorism in Rajshahi University and demanded the taking of Digital phone bills those responsible to task.

Chaired by party presidium member Begum Nurjahan Morshed, the meeting resolved that the funda-Digital telephone bills for mentalist forces were un-

Leasing out of WASA zones condemned

By Staff Correspondent

A section of WASA officers and other employees decided to launch a campaign against the government move to lease out some activities of two WASA zones. A joint meeting of differ-

ent bodies of WASA employees was held yesterday under the banner of Dhaka WASA; Karmakarta-Karmachari Oikya Parishad at Lalmatia in the city. Parishad convenor Abdul Hamid presided.

The meeting resolved to hold gate meetings at differ ent regional offices everyday from today to August 6, as the preliminary programme of the movement.

A general meeting would also be held at August 7 to plan its next course, says press release.

Intending Hajis asked to deposit house rent

The government will hire houses in Makkah in advance to solve accommodation problem in the only city during the Hajj season, an official handout said in Dhaka yesterday, reports BSS.

Persons intending to perform Hajj next year unce the government management and desirous to stay at government hired houses in Makkah, have been advised to deposit 1500 Saudi rial (equivalent to Tk 16,000) to any scheduled commercial bank positively by November

The amount of house rent might be a little high or less as the present assessment is based on guess work. However, the deposited house rent money would be adjusted with the overall Hajj expenditure to be decided

Mayor visits

flooded areas

Corporation Mohammad Ha-

nif yesterday visited some

flood affected areas in the

Sabujbagh, Baganbari, Mad-

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Shekerjaiga under ward number 27. the Mayor dis-

tributed saree, lungi and dry

food among the flood victims.

tims to face the situation

with courage and patience.

He also drew attention of the

concerned authorities to in-

volve the ward commission-

mat Ali, Mosharraf Hossain

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accompanied the Mayor

viewed the latest flood situa-

tion with the high officials of

the corporation at an emer-

gency meeting at Nagar

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drinking water, water purifi-

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working round the clock in

the flood shelters, said a City

Sarwari visits

gladesh Jatiyatabadi Mohila

'Dal and State Minister for

Women and Children Affairs

Begum Sarwari Rahman

yesterday distributed relief

materials to the flood

affected people of Charak

Ghata area under Dhanmandi

General secretary of Ban-

Corporation press release.

20 medical teams are also

flood victims till yesterday.

The City Corporation dis-

in the flood shelters.

He asked the officials to

Ward commissioners Rah-

On Sunday, the Mayor re-

ers in relief operation.

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Hanif urged the flood vic-

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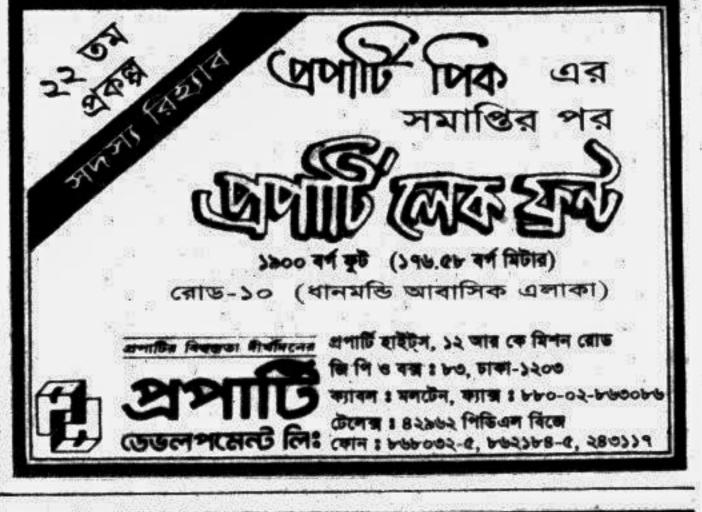
capital, reports UNB.

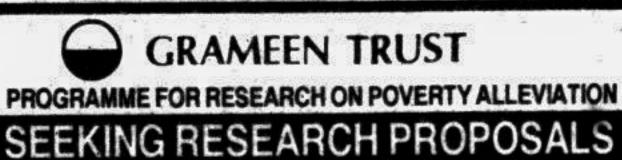
Mayor of Dhaka City

Those who performed Hajj this year paid Tk 83,815 and the expenditure next year is likely to be the same or a little higher than this year.

The number of houses to be hired in Makkah will be decided only on the basis of the advance house rent deposited by the intending Hajis. Therefore, the government will hire houses in Makkah only for those who will deposit rents in advance. Others should perform Hajj as done in the previous years by collecting visa by themselves from the Saudi Arabian embassy in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, the intending women Hajj pflgrims desirous to stay in the government hired accommodation have been advised to deposit the advance house rent money to their legal maharmes as per Shariah law.





The Programme for Research on Poverty Alleviation, Grameen Trust, seeks proposals from individuals or institutions, for research on poverty alleviation and the poor. Research could be in any discipline (including the social sciences, natural sciences, physical sciences and appropriate technology). Proposals should however be designed on the basis of consultation with the poor or with those directly working at the grassroots. The research should result in immediate value or use either to the poor or policy makers.

Researchers are invited to send in a seven to eight page (typed double space) proposal including, a statement of the problem, its relevance for the poor. the specific research question (s), the methodology, a tentative budget, a time schedule, and names and affiliations and experience of the research personnel. Projects with budgets of around Taka 50,000 will be given greater priority. However, projects with higher budgets will be funded provided they are appropriate and promising.

Proposals and inquiries regarding the Programme should be addressed to:

The Project Director Programme for Research on Poverty Alleviation Grameen Trust Grameen Bank Bhaban Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216 thana in the city, reports | Phone: 805422, Fax No: 880-2-806319

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